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Letter dated 22 September 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to bring to your attention and that of the members of the Security Council recent developments in Honduras regarding the safety of the constitutional President of Honduras, José Manuel Zelaya Rosales, and the security of the Embassy of Brazil in Tegucigalpa.

As you are aware, President Zelaya has taken shelter in the Brazilian Embassy. He entered the country by his own means and made his way peacefully to the Chancery of the Brazilian diplomatic representation in that capital.

Brazil believes that the Organization of American States continues to be the appropriate forum wherein a political solution should be found to the situation in Honduras.

However, given the measures taken against the Brazilian Embassy in Tegucigalpa and the content of the attached note by the de facto authorities (see annex), my Government is concerned about the safety of President Zelaya and about the security and the physical integrity of the Embassy premises and personnel.

In the light of the foregoing, and in accordance with Article 35 (1) of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, I kindly request that an urgent meeting of the Council be convened. The purpose of the meeting would be to inform Council members of the current situation related to the presence of President Zelaya in the Embassy of Brazil in order to prevent any action that might further aggravate the situation.

Should such a meeting take place, I request that the Government of Brazil be allowed to participate in it, under rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 22 September 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the diplomatic mission of Brazil and hereby informs it that the fact that it condones the issuance, from its premises, of public calls for insurrection and political mobilization by Mr. José Manuel Zelaya Rosales, a fugitive from Honduran justice, is unacceptable to the Government of the Republic. Such interference in matters that exclusively concern the Honduran people is to be condemned, and the authorities therefore strongly protest it as a flagrant violation of international law.

Such condonation and provocation from the premises of the Brazilian mission are contrary to the rules of diplomatic law and render the mission and its Government directly responsible for any violence that these acts may incite either within or outside the mission.

For its information, the State of Honduras hereby announces that it will, as a preventive measure, provide security to the individuals and property on the mission's premises.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs takes this opportunity to convey to the diplomatic mission of Brazil the assurances of its consideration.

Tegucigalpa, 21 September 2009

To the diplomatic mission of Brazil
Tegucigalpa